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TOPIC Quartering Area of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div

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REMARKS

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1. On 15 June 1954, the Hindenburg Kaserne (5581) in Stendal was presumably occupied by soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. The two quartering buildings on Schillerstrasse were fully lighted at dusk.

2. On 15 June, the Tauentzien Kaserne (5584) in Stendal was occupied by a signal unit numbering not more than 150 soldiers who wore black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. In the afternoon, a group of about 35 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets and carrying rolled blankets and rucksacks arrived at the installation from the railroad station. Only 2 of the 6 to 7 barracks were partially lighted. A cantonment of 6 wooden buildings, each with a capacity of about 80 soldiers, was located north of Tauentzien Kaserne east of Osterburger Strasse. The cantonment was occupied to capacity by about 400 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Eight to 10 soldiers drilled on each of 6 light AT guns in the yard of the installation. 1

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3. On 10 and 16 June, the army installation at the Stendal-Borstel airfield (5535) was about 75 percent occupied and, on 7 July, was apparently occupied to capacity by about 1,500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. On 10 June, 2 M-13 rocket launchers, motor vehicle 1 officer and 3 EM were seen north of the installation. Twelve officers and a radio station with antenna, 2 to 3 meters long, were seen northwest of the installation. Jeep with a van-like superstructure for the radio set, was seen nearby. On 16 June, 4 canvas-covered rocket launchers and 2 trucks, each occupied by 20 soldiers, left the installation toward Osterburg via Osterburger Strasse. The soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 16 June, no training was observed in and near the installation. On 7 July, 4 emplaced 100-mm AT guns were for the first time observed north of the installation, while 4 track-laying vehicles and towing 2 x 100-mm AT guns were seen going to the emplacements. Truck was seen near the

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guns. Four canvas-covered rocket launchers and 6 motor vehicles left the installation toward Uenglingen at about noon. Each of the vehicles carried 20 to 25 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and ammunition boxes.

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4. Rocket launchers were repeatedly seen at exercises in the Krepenfeld woods east of the Borstel-Gross Schwechten (FD 9041) road. On 14 June, 4 rocket launchers returned from there to the installation. At 2030 on 29 June, 10 rocket launchers and 25 trucks were unloaded from a train at the Stendal railroad station and subsequently left toward Borstel. 2

5. On 9 June, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne (5101) in Gardelegen was occupied to capacity by an estimated 1,800 soldiers wearing black-bordered red and red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Five trucks towing 5 heavy mortars, presumably of 160 mm, left the installation toward Jaevenitz. About 90 soldiers with carbines and submachine guns received field training at the former airfield. The two new two-story buildings, each 30 to 35 meters long, were to be completed soon. 25X1

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6. On 22 June, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne (5101) and the Remontenschule (5102) in Gardelegen appeared to be occupied to capacity. The Fliegerhorst Kaserne was believed to quarter a headquarters. The two new buildings east of Fliegerhorst Kaserne were almost completed.3

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1. Comment. The information fails to clarify the actual occupation of the post. In mid-June, the summer camp of the division in the area southeast of Jaevenitz was occupied by 4,000 to 5,000 soldiers, most of whom probably came from Stendal and Quedlinburg. The bulk of the units of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div stationed in Stendal were absent from their quarters during the month of June. The cantonment north of Tauentzien Kaserne is reported for the first time.

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2. Comment. The 399th (?) RL Regt of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps is confirmed in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne at Borstel until June 1954. AT guns of 100 mm-caliber were previously reported, but could not be accounted for. The shipment, the unloading of which was observed on 29 June, may have come from Altengrabow where two troop trains from Stendal had gone on 4 May.

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3. Comment. The information does not indicate any change in the occupation of the military installations in Gardelegen over reports of late April and early May. The heavy mortars which were observed in Fliegerhorst Kaserne can only belong to the 693d How Arty Regt of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div, which has been carried in Stendal. It is possible that these elements moved to the installation from Jaevenitz only temporarily. On the other hand, the two artillery regiments of the division may have changed their posts, UNCODED How Arty Regt may be stationed in Gardelegen and the Gun Arty Regt in Stendal.

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